GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SUPARI GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Supari growers are facing great difficulties because of the higher cost of production and less returns in the country especially in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the Government has reviewed the situation;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to give assistance to Supari (red and whit

(e) growers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, A State level Task Force for Arecanut has formed by the State Government to look into the problem of Arecanut farmers.

(c) & (d): The Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `Macro Management in Agriculture Supplementation/Complementation of States` Efforts through Work Plan` under which assistance in provided on request of State Government. Besides, the Union Government had implemented a Market Intervention Scheme in the State of Karnataka for procurement of white and red arecanut during 2002-03 and procured a total quality of 3097 tonnes of white arecanut. The State Government also implemented a Support Price Scheme during 2004-05 and procured 670 metric tonnes of red arecanut valued Rs.6.00 crores. This scheme is being implemented during 2005-06 also with an allocations of Rs.10.00 crore to procure red and white arecanut @ Rs.85/kg and Rs.60/kg respectively.